

Start Preparing Now!

Talk with Your Teachers and Guidance Counselor

Ask your business teachers about the education requirements, benefits, duties and responsibilities of teaching. You may want to consider:

- ▼ job shadowing your business teacher for a day to find out what it is like to be a teacher.
- ▼ exploring the teaching career path through your library, on-line and guidance counselor career resources.
- ▼ gathering information about financial aid opportunities to attend college.

Utilize Opportunities to Teach

To gain teaching experiences:

- ▼ offer to serve as a peer tutor or teacher aide in business classes.
- ▼ tutor younger students in your school district.
- ▼ volunteer to assist with youth organizations in your community.
- ▼ attend Wisconsin's Teacher World.



Explore Business Teacher Education Programs

With assistance from your business teacher:

- ▼ contact a business teacher educator and request information about the teacher education program.
- ▼ schedule an on-site visit with the teacher educator and take a tour of the campus.
- ▼ browse web sites of business education departments in your area to identify program offerings and guidelines.



Contacts

Wisconsin Business Teacher Education Programs

Contact these universities or colleges for information on their business teacher education programs:

- ▼ University of Wisconsin-Stout*
- ▼ University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
- ▼ Concordia College
- ▼ Edgewood College
- ▼ Maranatha College
- ▼ Marian College
- ▼ Mount Mary College



*Experimental/Innovative

Questions?

Contact the Business Education group with any further questions:

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Teaching Business Education

Why Teaching?

Shape America's Future

Teaching is the profession that shapes America's future. As a teacher you can:

- ▼ make a difference in young people's lives.
- ▼ impact the future of America's citizens, leaders and workers.

Teacher Shortage

Wisconsin currently has a shortage of business education teachers. According to the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future, the following events have created a teacher shortage:

- ▼ Many teachers are retiring.
- ▼ Enrollments of students in public schools are increasing each year.
- ▼ The number of business education graduates is decreasing.

Prepare the Workforce

An educated workforce is necessary to keep America an economic leader. The business education teaching profession needs committed, competent and energized teachers to:

- ▼ help students develop the qualities, knowledge and skills necessary for entry-level business occupations.
- ▼ prepare students for postsecondary business classes.
- ▼ help students become successful citizens, consumers and workers.



About Teaching Business Education

Work with Technology

Business education teachers have an opportunity to:

- ▼ learn cutting edge technologies for the classroom and workplace.
- ▼ teach students the technical skills and business knowledge essential for the high-tech, global marketplace.

Use Creativity

As a business educator, you can:

- ▼ create innovative lesson plans.
- ▼ develop unique projects and activities that reflect your teaching style and creativity.
- ▼ utilize numerous resources to enhance your curriculum.



Teach Courses You Enjoy

Business education teachers have a wide selection of courses to teach including:

- ▼ Accounting/Finance
- ▼ Business Law/Business Management
- ▼ Business Technology
- ▼ Desktop Publishing/Multimedia
- ▼ Web Page Design/Internet
- ▼ Keyboarding/Computer Applications
- ▼ Network Administration



Share Knowledge with Others

Some of the joys of teaching are to:

- ▼ share new ideas and information with students.
- ▼ teach students business skills that will prepare them for work and college.
- ▼ have opportunities to work with different age levels.

Work Independently

Educators enjoy the independence teaching affords them to:

- ▼ work in a self-directed environment.
- ▼ determine classroom goals and objectives.
- ▼ utilize flexible schedules with breaks for holidays and summer to relax and recharge or develop professionally.



Grow Professionally

Business education teachers may:

- ▼ attend conferences and receive training to improve their teaching skills and to keep current on new technologies.
- ▼ utilize mentoring programs offered to assist new teachers with the transition into the classroom and teaching profession.
- ▼ develop leadership through membership in professional business education organizations.

